Reforms in Wakf Sector

939. SHRI SABIR ALI:
SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to bring about reforms in the Wakf sector; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are under process.

Muslims Below Poverty Line

940. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to conduct any survey to identify Muslims living below poverty line in each State and provided a BPL number;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes formulated to ameliorate the economic status of Muslims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), a Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of Minority Affairs, provides loans at concessional rates for self employment / income generating activities to persons belonging to the minority communities living below double the poverty line, under its various schemes *viz.* Term Loan, Micro Financing, Mahila Samridhi Yojana, Vocational Training and Marketing Assistance etc. NMDFC provides loans to individuals through State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) which are nominated by the respective State/UT Governments. It also provides micro-credit through Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs).

The scheme of Multi-Sectoral Development Programme being implemented by the Government aims, *inter alia*, at improving the selected socio-economic and basic amenities' parameters in the Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. The Government is also implementing coaching/scholarship schemes for students belonging to minority communities which aim to equip them for engaging in income generating activities.

Re-unification of Wakf Boards

941. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state: